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Photo by Russell Maxey, Columbia, S. C.

PROUDLY PRESENTS THE MODEL OF ITS NEW BUILDING.

The building now under construction at the intersection of Bull and Senate Streets in Columbia is the culmination of years of hoping and planning. In his State of the State address to the General Assembly, January 13, 1965, former Governor Donald Russell provided the necessary impetus for this undertaking. His message included this statement:

" . . . I shall convene in the early spring a Governor's Conference on Public Libraries. It is my hope that the General Assembly will join in this emphasis on voluntary learning by authorizing the construction of a new building in Columbia for the State Library Board."

By the time the Governor's Conference on Public Libraries convened, Mr. Russell had resigned as Governor and been appointed U. S. Senator by his successor, the Honorable Robert E. McNair. Governor McNair addressed the conference and described the library as a vital element in community development.

The General Assembly authorized the construction of the building and appropriated the funds necessary to provide the State's portion of the total project cost. Federal funds made it possible to plan a \$1,669,000 building.

With the approval of the State General Services Division, the Board purchased a site at the intersection of Bull and Senate Streets in the State government complex.

The architectural firm of Geiger/Califf/Player was chosen as architects for the project. The services of these architects with J. Russell Bailey, noted library architectural consultant, assured an impressive, attractive, and functional building.

LaFaye-Tarrant Construction Company, Inc. of Columbia, low bidder, was awarded the construction contract and is proceeding with the excavation. Construction is scheduled for completion within 18 months. The Estey Corporation was low bidder for the stacks.

The 60,000 square foot structure will be of reinforced concrete. All exterior surfaces will be faced with limestone with bronze-tinted glass infills set in bronzed colored aluminum frames.

The reading area will be two stories high with an illuminated ceiling and mezzanine stack area.

Under the mezzanine will be the main desk, reference and periodical area, microfilm reading room and elevator lobby. A basement area below the plaza and main floor will provide work and mechanical areas in addition to book stacks.

Technical processing and cataloging areas are included on the second floor along with administrative offices.

The open, glass-walled main and second floors for reading, reference, and administrative work will be sandwiched between the raised plaza over the basement and two closed top floors, all used for book stacks.

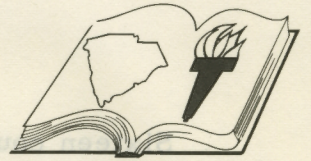
URGENT — WIRE YOUR CONGRESSMAN

The proposed increase in rates for special fourth class (Educational Materials) and library rates presents a serious threat to libraries. The library rate will be 8¢ for the first two pounds and 3¢ for each additional pound. The Educational Materials rate will be 16¢ for the first two pounds and 6¢ for each additional pound.

Phone, wire, or write your congressman and urge him to vote against these provisions in H. R. 7977.

Continuing in the series "Our Library Leadership", this month's story features the Pickens County Library.

Our Library Leadership...



From headquarters in Easley, the Pickens County Library serves the County by bookmobile and through branches in Central, Clemson, Liberty, and Pickens. To expand and improve county-wide service, plans have been made to renovate the present headquarters building. Construction, scheduled to begin this winter, will cost \$141,000 and will increase the present size to 10,000 square feet. Financing has been made available through LSCA, County, and Appalachian Rural Development funds.

Miss Mary Aiken first came to the Pickens County Library in 1958 as a senior intern and returned in 1961 as librarian. A graduate of Salem College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, she received her M.A. degree from the University of North Carolina and an M.L.S. from Florida State University. Prior to entering the public library field, Miss Aiken taught English at All Saints Episcopal Junior College in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and at Pickens High School in Pickens. She has also worked with the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia. A native of Pickens, Miss Aiken is vice-chairman of the Oconee-Pickens Economic Opportunity Federation and a member of Grace Methodist Church.

Thomas P. Earle, chairman of the Board of Trustees since 1960, is principal of Six Mile Elementary School in Central. A graduate of Clemson University, Mr. Earle also received his M.S. there. During his term as chairman, Mr. Earle has helped found the Central Branch Library and the Central Friends of the Library. He is education chairman of the United Fund, immediate past president of the Pickens County Education Association, and president of the Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church of Central.

SALARY SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM CONTINUED

Sixteen county and regional libraries have applied for 1967-68 grants under the State Library Board's revised Salary Supplement Program. Of this number, six libraries will receive \$1,000 Achievement Grants in recognition of the fact that they have achieved the salary standards for graduates of ALA accredited library schools as set forth in Standards for South Carolina Public Libraries. These are the Chester, Colleton, Lancaster, Laurens, Oconee, and York county libraries. Three other libraries which have also achieved the salary standards are the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library, the Florence County Library, and the Spartanburg County Library, but these libraries will not receive Achievement Grants because they will receive grants under either the Scholarship Supplement Program or the Professional Salary Grant Program.

This progress toward achievement of salary standards compares favorably with that of 1966-67 when only three libraries were eligible for Achievement Grants. The Salary Supplement Program was designed to help South Carolina public libraries attain salary standards within a five-year period. It is now in the second year. In order to receive salary supplements each year, libraries not having attained the desired standards must give salary increases from local funds equivalent to at least one-fifth of the difference between the 1966 salary and the salary specified in the standards.

WORKSHOP ON WORK SIMPLIFICATION SCHEDULED

A workshop on Work Simplification will be held October 16 and 18 at the University of South Carolina's Russell House. The workshop is jointly sponsored by the State Library Board and the University's Bureau of Governmental Research. The instructor will be Miss Jewel Hardkopf, librarian-consultant and efficiency expert.

The purpose of this workshop is to demonstrate the value of efficient administration with the resulting elimination of unnecessary routines. It is designed as a sequel to the workshop on Personnel Utilization taught by Miss Hardkopf in May. Thirty librarians, including administrators and technical services librarians, will participate in the workshop. The following county and regional libraries will be represented at the workshop: Abbeville-Greenwood, ABBE, Anderson, Charleston, Cherokee, Chester, Colleton, Florence, Greenville, Horry, Lancaster, Laurens, Newberry-Saluda, Oconee, Pickens, Richland, Spartanburg, Sumter, and York. Workshop arrangements have been made by Betty Callaham, Director of Field Services of the State Library Board.

SCHOLARSHIP HONORS RETIRED LIBRARIAN

A scholarship for library science majors has been set up at Columbia College in honor of Mrs. Von Etta Salley, former librarian and professor of library science at Columbia College. The annual scholarship was established by Dr. and Mrs. Donald N. Mercer of Columbia.

STATE AID AGREEMENTS APPROVED

The first State Aid Agreements to be approved under the new State Aid Program for South Carolina public libraries were returned to applicant libraries in September. As of September 30, twenty-three library systems had met the requirements for participation in the State Aid Program. These were: Abbeville-Greenwood, ABBE, and Allendale-Hampton-Jasper regional libraries and the following county libraries: Anderson, Berkeley, Charleston, Chester, Colleton, Darlington, Dorchester, Fairfield, Florence, Greenville, Horry, Lancaster, Laurens, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Marlboro, Oconee, Spartanburg, and York.

Under the new State Aid appropriation, \$478,519 will be available to assist South Carolina public libraries in 1967-68. Distributed on the basis of 20¢ per capita to qualifying libraries, State funds may be used to supplement professional and pre-professional salaries, to purchase or rebind books, and to buy equipment needed by the libraries. Plans are already under way for an effort to raise State Aid to 25¢ per capita during the 1968 session of the General Assembly.

CATALOGING WORKSHOP ANNOUNCED

Anticipating that the adoption of the revised Anglo-American Catalog Code may cause some difficulties for South Carolina public libraries, the State Library Board has made arrangements to provide assistance in the transition. A series of workshops dealing with the catalog revisions have been planned. The first of these workshops will be held in Columbia on November 7 and 8. The workshop will be conducted by Mrs. Janet Fresch Paris, Chief Cataloger of the S. C. State Library Board. Mrs. Paris is well qualified for this task, having a wide background of experience in the Enoch Pratt Free Library, the Library of Congress, the New York Public Library, and the Montgomery County (Maryland) Public Libraries. While at the Library of Congress, Mrs. Paris worked with Seymour Lubetzky, Chief Editor of the Revised Catalog Code. During the past summer, she attended a month-long workshop on the revised code which was taught by Mr. Lubetzky at the University of Illinois.

Because of the technical nature of the material to be covered, workshop participation is limited to a small group. For the first workshop, representatives of libraries serving a population of 50,000 or more have been invited.

SYMPATHY TO

The family of Arthur Atkinson. Mr. Atkinson who died in August was the husband of the treasurer of the Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library Board.

Mrs. Helen L. Ervin, whose sister, Miss Gerald Lowry, died on September 22. Mrs. Ervin is librarian of the York Township branch of the York County Library.

FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL PURCHASES LOT FOR LIBRARY EXPANSION

The Florence County Council has purchased two lots adjacent to the present county library building for future library expansion. The property auctioned for \$40,000 is 180 by 140 feet.

At a meeting on August 29 the Council voted not to bid on the property but reversed its decision at a special meeting on September 1. Members of the county library board, the library staff, and the legislative delegation presented the library's position in the matter.

The expansion which this acquisition will make possible is a step toward Florence becoming the Area Reference Resource Center for the Pee Dee.

GREENVILLE FRIENDS' MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Friends of the Greenville Library who number about 500 are seeking to increase their number to 5,000. The campaign was launched at a luncheon on August 30. Arthur Magill, former president of the Friends, presided at the meeting, and Romaine A. Barnes, chairman of the building committee reported on the status of the building plan and described its outstanding features. Mrs. H. Beaumonde Drake, chairman of the membership drive, announced committee members.

Mr. Magill announced that Arthur C. Clarke, author and authority on space travel, will be the speaker at the October 27th meeting in Memorial Auditorium. A national aeronautics and space administration exhibit will be on display at the auditorium October 21-27.

YOURS FOR THE ASKING

Mrs. Joan R. Faunt, Librarian, the State Library, has duplicates of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly and the Reports and Resolutions (report of State agencies to the General Assembly). Some of the volumes date back to the Confederate War but the files are not complete. Mrs. Faunt also has bound volumes of The State and The News and Courier, 1905 - to date. These are offered to libraries on a first-come, first-served basis. Indicate the years desired. The library will be responsible for the postage.

The State Library Board has a supply of The Senate of the State of South Carolina 1776-1962 (paper back). This roster of senators of South Carolina was compiled by Mrs. Emily Bellinger Reynolds and Joan Reynolds Faunt. Please let Lois Barbare, Technical Services Librarian, know the number of copies you wish.

READING FOR AN AGE OF CHANGE

Walter Goldschmidt is author of Cultural Anthropology, No. 8, in the series of Reading for an Age of Change. Dr. Goldschmidt is Professor of Anthropology and Sociology at the University of California at Los Angeles. Published by the American Library Association in cooperation with the Public Affairs Committee, Cultural Anthropology is available for 60¢ from the Public Affairs Committee, 381 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10016.

Information about the series, including subscription and bulk rate is available from the Committee at the above address.

JOB GUIDE

The South Carolina Employment Security Commission has recently published Job Guide for Entry Occupations in South Carolina to give persons seeking work and their counselors an opportunity to review facts about entry jobs in the state.

The primary purpose of the Guide is to encourage persons seeking work to take a long range view of job opportunities; to select the job best suited to their interest and capabilities; and to plan their education and training to equip them for this kind of work.

A copy is being mailed to each South Carolina public library by the Commission. Additional copies may be requested from Katherine Lewis, Supervisor of Counseling and Handicapped Services, South Carolina Employment Security Commission, P. O. Box 1406, Columbia, South Carolina.

OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

Kitty Warner, cataloger at the Anderson County Library was the August Career Girl for the Anderson Business and Professional Women's Club. A career girl is chosen each month and one will be chosen to represent the club at the state convention when a career girl of South Carolina will be chosen.

Two trustees of the Greenville County Library filled speaking engagements on behalf of the library during September. Jean Galloway spoke to the Junior Palmetto Woman's Club and Romayne Barnes was speaker at meetings of the Down Town Greenville Association, American Business Women's Association and the Northgate Community Club.

Fountain Inn (branch of the Greenville County Library) Friends of the Library held their first meeting on September 18 with 51 present. Mrs. Chris Reiner gave a talk on Vietnam illustrated by slides which her husband made.

An illustrated lecture on the Book of Kells was presented at the Charleston County Library on September 21 by Colonel F. Sidney Walls, head of the modern language department of Porter-Gaud School. The library's regular series "What Makes a Book Live?" will begin October 2.

The Museum Affairs Committee, Sumter County Historical Society, presented two bound volumes of papers delivered before the society to the Sumter County Library. The papers contain valuable historical material.

The Hanahan Public Service Commission has donated \$100 to the Hanahan Branch of the Berkeley County Library. The donation was used to purchase South Caroliniana items.

Mrs. George S. King (Anne Davis) is head of children's services at the Richland County Public Library. Mrs. King was formerly librarian at Creighton Elementary School, Columbia.

A profile of Charles A. Stevenson, Reference Librarian, Greenville County Library, appeared in the Greenville Piedmont. It was one of a series of articles on area public servants.

James E. Brown, Camden, has been appointed to the Kershaw County Library Board.

H. Caldwell Harper has succeeded E. A. Burch as chairman of the Greenville County Library Board.

Charles Stow, Librarian, Greenville County Library, announces the addition of two librarians to the staff. Dorothy C. Hearn, a recent Rutgers graduate, will assist in the Young People's Department, and John D. Pitzer, a 1958 graduate of Florida State University's Library School, will be in charge of reference service to business and industry.

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

This is National Dog Week, and I am inclined to feel its my week because of the way I am treated. I'm leading a dog's life. I hate to come to work because I know each day will be as frustrating as the one before. Our head librarian stays in a twitch because she has no plan, no schedule, and no organization. I try to plan so I can accomplish something but, alas, my best laid plans gang aft agley. If I am involved in really professional work, I am yanked up and told to prepare books for the bindery or to report to the circulation desk or to wrap packages for mailing. The pre-professional staff members frequently act as readers' advisors and answer reference questions over the phone. Heaven help the poor public!

Can you offer any suggestion or should I just

Resign?

Dear Resign:

I think I'd be inclined to.

Your library is a horrible example of one of the reasons why librarians complain of the manpower shortage and say that they can't possibly get all the work done.

The manpower shortage does exist, of course, but improper assignment of tasks only compounds this problem.

Too bad your librarian couldn't attend a Personnel Utilization Workshop such as the one the State Library Board sponsored this past spring.

I feel that you should seek greener and more pleasant fields where your talents can be utilized.

Anne

CAROLINIANA

Barton, Don, ed. The Carolina-Clemson Game. 1896-1966. State Printing Company.
Order from Carolina-Clemson, Box 1300, Columbia, S. C. 29202. \$6.50 (incl.
sales tax, postage, and handling).
(To be published during October)

Blair, Everette L. Jesse Stuart, His Life and Works. U. S. C. Press, \$8.95.
(Publication date October 9)

Lerner, Gerda. The Grimke Sisters from South Carolina: Rebels Against Slavery.
Houghton, \$6.95.

Milling, Chapman J. Buckshot and Hounds. A. S. Barnes, \$4.95. (A well known
Columbia doctor and author writes on deer hunting.)

Porter, A. Toomer. Led on, Step by Step. Porter-Gaud Books, \$5.00. (Add 15¢
sales tax) Order from Porter-Gaud Books, Porter-Gaud School, Charleston,
South Carolina 29407.
(Reprint of the autobiography of the founder of Porter Academy)

Seabrook, Isaac DuBose. Before and After; or, The Relations of the Races at the
South. Louisiana State University, \$5.50.
(First publication of an 1895 book-length essay)

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